

# Grayling Avalanche

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## Complete First Unit at Kirtland

the completion of the first Phase 1 of the building action on Dec. 20, Kirtland will be moving into the building. Machines and equipment arrived and are on and during the holidays arranged in order. The will be transferred from the administration and the complete library in the center of the campus for the use of the citizens in the college district.

Along with these buildings will be construction of a garage and repair area and private subscriptions are presently being sought to construct an art gallery in the center of the campus for the use of the citizens in the college district.

It is hoped that with the completion of this phase of construction Kirtland can truly become the community college offering its facilities for use by the school districts in the area and other worthy organizations.

### Christmastide Services

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve: 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Dec. 25—Christmas Day: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Mass

#### ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve: 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Dec. 25—Young peoples party at the church, 7 p.m.

#### CALvary BAPTIST CHURCH

Dec. 31—New Year's Eve: 9 p.m. Watch service, with midnight Lord's Supper and prayer meeting. Also young people's party 9 p.m. at the Jerry McEvers home.

#### MT. HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve: 7:30 Candlelight, caroling and communion worship

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve:

#### ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve: 6:30 p.m. Worship Service

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FREDERIC

Dec. 31—New Year's Eve: 9 p.m. Watch Night program

#### MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve: The traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at the Michelson Memorial Church on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The community is invited to share in this glad celebration of the birth of the Christ child.

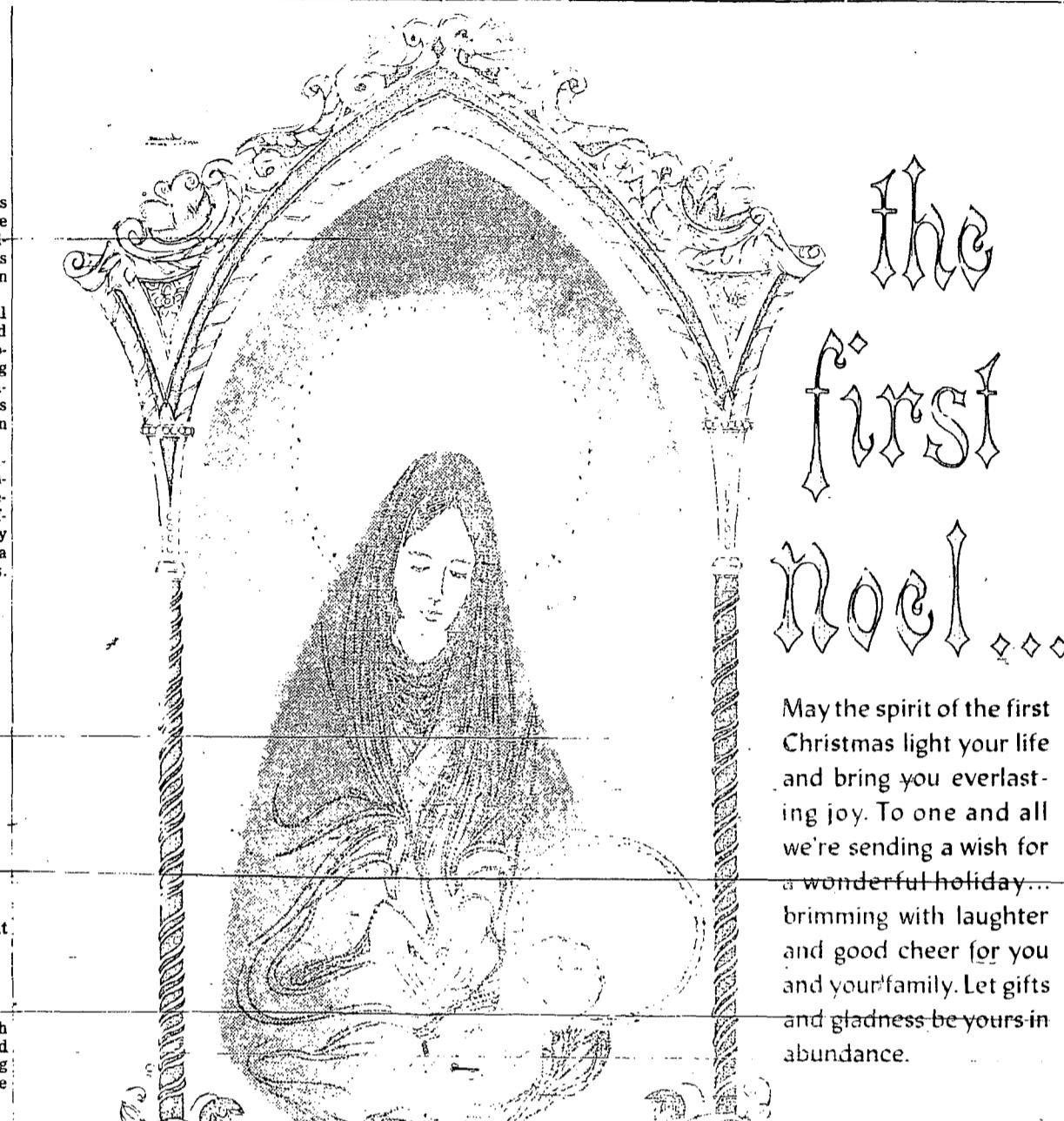
### Aliens Must Report In January

er A. Sahli, director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, stated aliens in the United States will be required to report their presence to the Attorney General within the near future.

Aliens, with few exceptions, are in the United States on January 1 each year must report their addresses by the end of the month. Only the following classes of aliens are excused from this requirement: (1) Accredited Diplomats; and (2) aliens accredited to certain international organizations.

Persons with which to make the report can be obtained from any Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service Office in the month of January.

It is said that the law provides severe penalties for failing to comply with the report requirement.



May the spirit of the first Christmas light your life and bring you everlasting joy. To one and all we're sending a wish for a wonderful holiday... brimming with laughter and good cheer for you and your family. Let gifts and gladness be yours in abundance.

## THE AVALANCHE AND STAFF

### Announce Hours at License Plates Office

The Secretary of State's office for license plates will not be open Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.

Starting January 8, and every Wednesday until after the Feb. 28 deadline, the license plate office will open at 11:30 a.m. and remain open during noon hour and until 6 p.m. for those who have only the noon hour or after 4:30 to purchase license plates. This is on Wednesdays only, Jan. 8 through Feb. 28, the office is open continuously from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Lora Gould

### Meet Our New Teachers

New to the staff at Grayling High School this year is Ann L. Doty, who teaches English, health and girl's physical education. She also serves as the school's cheerleader advisor.

Mrs. Doty, the wife of Jay Doty, came to Grayling this year from East Jordan, where she had taught for the previous ten years. She has also had experience teaching in Denver, CO and Lake Charles, LA.

After graduating co-valedictorian from East Jordan High School in 1947, she attended Missouri State Teachers College in Warrensburg, MO, where she earned her B.S. degree in 1952.

Mrs. Doty has been very active in the Reorganized Latter Day Saints Church camping program for the past twelve years. Her other activities include serving as secretary and later as president of Region 14 of the Michigan Education Association. She has also served as the Region 14 Director of the National Education Association.

#### What - Where - When

Dec. 23 Handel's Messiah, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 p.m.

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve party at Moose Lodge, for members and their guests.

Jan. 6: Kiwanis Club dinner at Woman's Club Building at 6:15 p.m.

Jan. 7: WW I Barracks No. 3388 and Auxiliary meeting at American Legion Hall starting with potluck supper at 6:30 followed by 8:00 business meeting and social hour.

Jan. 8: Grayling Chap. No. 83, OES will meet at Masonic Temple, 8 p.m. Complete practice for initiation will follow regular meeting. Please note change in date.

Jan. 11: RLDS Bake Sale at Burns Hardware 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Jan. 12: Enrollment at Moose Lodge at 2:00 p.m. in memory of Fred Carr. Dinner will follow.

Jan. 13: Grayling Chap. No. 28, Michigan State Employees Association, will meet at Chief Shoppegoons Motor Hotel at 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 14: Silver Tops Sr. Citizen Club meeting, 6:30—potluck supper, elementary school, games of chance to follow.

Jan. 15: Initiation ceremony, Grayling Chap. No. 63 OES at Masonic Temple at 8 p.m.

### Moore Named to Legion Committee

Alvin H. Moore, 705 Plum, Grayling, Michigan, has been appointed to the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee of the American Legion. Mr. Moore received notification of his appointment in a letter from National Commander, William C. Doyle.

His appointment was approved by the Legion's National Executive Committee during a recent meeting at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Moore was nominated by National Commander Doyle for the appointment upon the recommendation of American Legion, Department of Michigan, officials in recognition of the services he has rendered to his Post and the American Legion of Michigan.

Cpl. Michael P. Corlew arrived home Dec. 13 from Vietnam to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Corlew. Mike reports to Camp Lejeune, N.C. on January 6 for the remainder of his military service.

The East Jordan Red Devils F&AM held their installation of officers for the coming year on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the scoring for the green and Masonic Temple.

The following were installed:

Worshipful Master, Jerome Hesk

ka; senior warden, Duane Hall;

junior warden, Charles C.

Knowles; treasurer, Floyd G.

Millikin; secretary, Shirley Arnold; senior deacon, Charles Fick; junior deacon, Marvel Zimmerman; tyler, Rex McMillian; chaplain, James Failing; marshal, Don Sorenson; and stewards, Elmer Fenton, Leonard Gezequel, Robert Houghton and Alvin Critcher.

The next regular meeting will be Jan. 2.

from Coach St. Germain's starting Vikings with an '87 to 56 romp over the Harbor Springs Rams as all five hit in double figures. Bruce Burkett again over sole possession of first place in the Northern Lower Michigan League.

Going into the game, both teams were tied for first place, but after the first quarter the handwriting was there as to the outcome. The Vikings took the first period 22-14 and were never challenged the rest of the way. Grayling outscored the visitors 21-15, 22-9 and 22-18 in the other three periods.

A balanced scoring attack

### The Good Samaritan

By Wayne Clark

It was Christmas time, two days before the public opening of a new food and lodging building called the "Polyhedron Lodge" at Bear Mountain, a winter sports recreation area, located near Grayling in northern Michigan, when Donald G. Frick, senior district manager, DuBois Chemicals, Division of W. R. Grace & Company, walked into their newly installed kitchen to talk with Bob Spears, manager of the kitchen and dining room, about how his company's products were proving out. Suddenly he realized he was in the middle of mass confusion and a very unusual situation.

To begin with, the new food and lodging building is but one of many projects at Bear Mountain which has been instigated by the Grayling Community Recreation Area, Inc., (a non-profit organization), operating under the direction of its president, Lewis Stillwagon.

Under an area development program, involving a federal loan of \$525,000 and an additional \$175,000 invested by interested community residents, one of the primary purposes of the expansion is to win going away.

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The East Jordan Red Devils

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Please Note

For the Jan. 2 issue the Avalanche will again publish

early, on Monday, Dec. 30.

Copy must be in by this Friday, Dec. 27.



**GOLDEN HELMET PRESENTATION** — John Morrissey, Bay City Times area circulation manager, presents the Coca-Cola Golden Helmet Award to Elmer Fenton, Grayling High School principal, who accepts on behalf of the school as Allen Lowe, who earned the award by being named Class C area Player of the Year, looks on. The presentation was made at the Viking-Harbor Rams game. The trophy is displayed in the trophy case at the gym.

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## Christmas Greetings



HUERL'S Decorating Shop



**GREETINGS**

The beauty and spirit of the season brings to mind most wonderful gifts . . . friendship, loyalty and good will. We thank you for yours and wish you a Merry Christmas.

DAVIS GROCERY  
FREDERIC

### Pretty Gift Wrappings Can Be Saved

## Cardboard Castle Is Easy to Make

"Too pretty to throw away." On Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, as beautifully-wrapped packages are opened, this remark is likely to be often repeated. Though the gift wrappings do indeed seem "too pretty to throw away," they must usually be consigned to the wastebasket. After all, what can be done with used gift wraps, once Christmas is over?

Suggested by a manufacturer of gift wrapping papers, this castle-building plan might be a Christmas-afternoon project for the children. After the first gifts exchange excitement is over, youngsters may appreciate a quiet pastime, and the cardboard castle offers an extra advantage in that it's as much fun to take apart as it is to build. The castle can be assembled and reassembled many times.

Although the plan is simple, adult guidance may be required — or at least, the adults can pretend that it is, so they can get in on the fun.

Scissors, a ruler and rubber cement are the only equipment required, in addition to the gift wraps and cardboards.

Begin by cutting 24 pieces of cardboard, each five inches by seven inches. Cement gift wraps to each side and trim the edges.

To make Type "A" cards, cut one and one-quarter inch slits in 22 of the cards. Each card should have six slits, and the slits should be placed as follows: one slit on each five-inch side of the card, at one-eighth inch from the outer edge; two slits on each seven-inch side of the card, with each such slit placed one and a quarter inches from the outer edge.

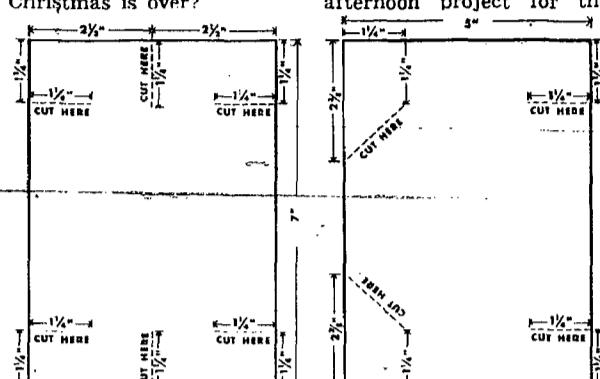
For the remaining two Type "B" cards, the slits can be omitted on the five-inch side. Two slits should be cut as described on one seven-inch side of the card. On the other seven-inch side, the slits should be diagonal — placed two and a quarter inches from the outer edge and cut on a slant to two and one-eighth inch depth.

Assemble the castle by joining Type "A" cards at right angles, alternating pairs. At intervals, insert cards horizontally for an interesting, balconied effect.

Reserve two Type "A" cards for roof.

Use Type "B" cards at top of castle, where the slanted notches will receive the Type "A" roof pieces.

See illustrations accompanying this article, for sketched plan, and photograph of completed castle.



SKETCHES SHOW HOW TO PREPARE cardboards, covered with gift wraps, for building a cardboard castle. Follow measurements, cutting slits wherever dotted lines appear. Join Type "A" cards at right angles, occasionally inserting cards horizontally. Type "B" cards go at top of castle, where slanted notches hold two "A" cards in place.



**GREETINGS**

Here's wishing you the fulfillment of all your dreams for Christmas. Thank you for your patronage.

H. G. JARMIN  
GENERAL INSURANCE

**PEACE  
AND  
JOY**

May the Star that blazed in the heavens on the night of His birth shine upon you and yours at Christmas, bringing you a full measure of peace, joy and happiness. To all our friends we send our warmest greetings for a happy holiday season filled with laughter, good times and good cheer. We appreciate your kind and loyal patronage.



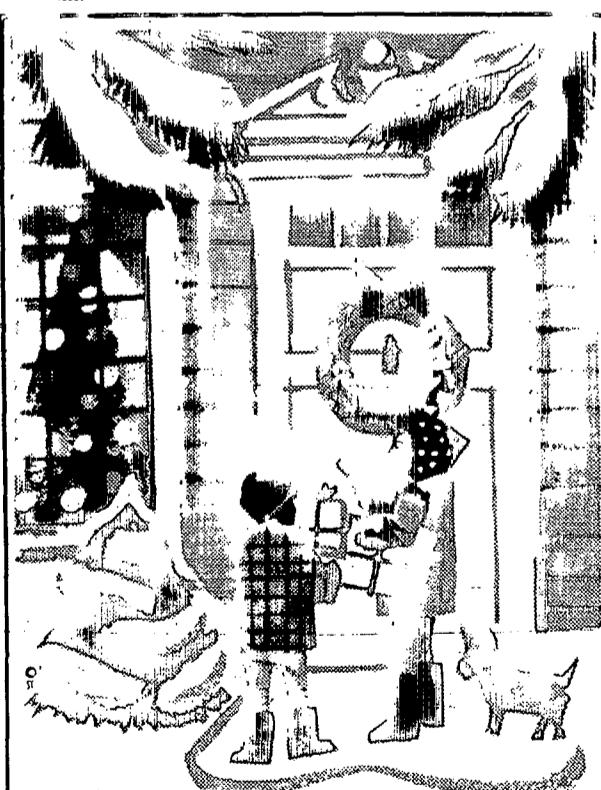
McEVERS MOTOR SALES, Inc., 600 Cedar St.

CARDBOARD CASTLE, MERRILY COLORFUL, GROWS from left-over Christmas gift wraps and laundry cardboards. Castle, pictured above, can be built from five-by-seven inch pieces of cardboard, to which gift wraps have been rubber-cemented. For directions, see sketches at upper left. Photo courtesy Norcross Design Studio.

Now In Season

### Quick Southern Pecan Pie

1 cup sugar  
1/4 cup melted butter  
1/2 cup corn syrup  
Mix sugar, syrup and butter; add eggs and pecans. Pour into pie shell. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 30 to 35 minutes longer. Serve either hot or cold. Decorate pie with pecan halves as a border. As an added delight, top with slightly sweetened whipped cream.



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!**

We wish to extend our warmest holiday greetings to all the wonderful people in our town who make day-to-day business a special pleasure. Heartfelt thanks for your loyal trust and support. Merry Christmas.

Jack Minchin Construction Co.



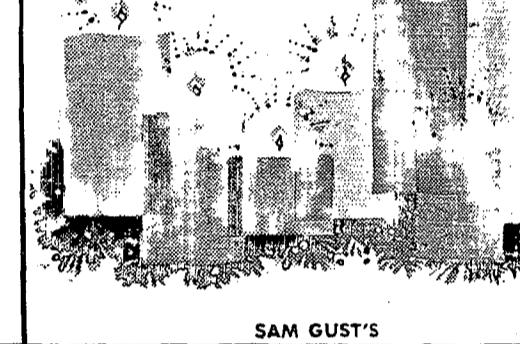
**GREETINGS**

To our fine patrons, sincere thanks, and warmest greetings to your and yours for a Merry Christmas.

GRAYLING PHARMACY

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

Like the glow of the candle, happiness lights this Christmas season. May it shine for you every hour!

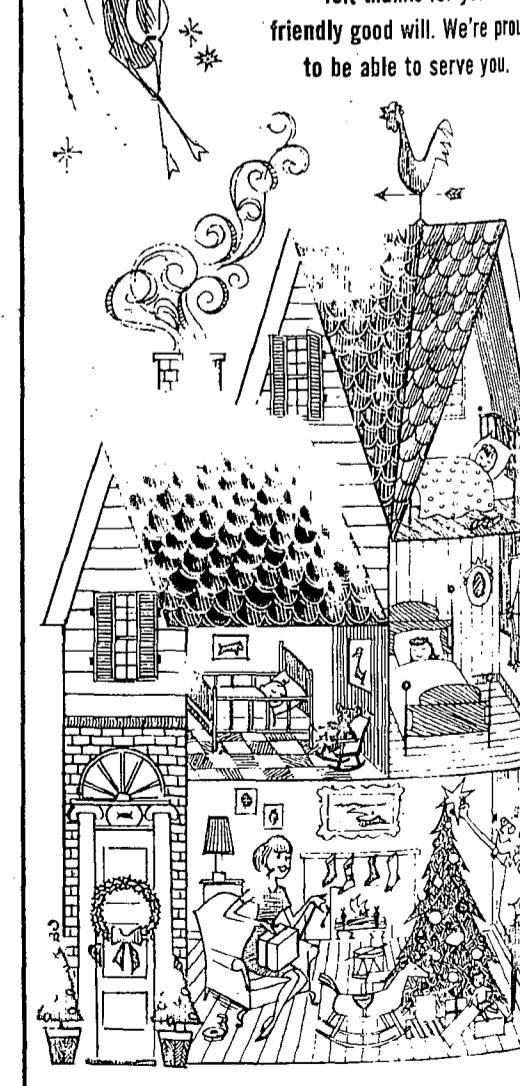


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To wish you  
**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

Deck your homes with mounds of holly, trim the tree with care . . . for 'tis the merry season of Christmas. Many heartfelt thanks for your friendly good will. We're proud to be able to serve you.



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"Serving you in our second year"

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ist, the Saviour



HOLD THE MIRACLE of Christmas," "The Adoration of the Magi" from a 15th-century illuminated manuscript, "Hours of the Virgin," now in The Pierpont Morgan Library.



May happiness  
and contentment  
lead you, as the  
Star led the  
Wise Men to  
the Manger.

Our thanks for your continued good will.



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### Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1945

Pvt. Robert E. Bennett, Michigan Avenue, Grayling, has enlisted at Fort Sheridan in the regular Army. Private Bennett holds the Victory Medal of this war.

Mr. and Mrs. William Christensen of Mackinaw City announce the marriage of their daughter, Fay Elaine to S 2/c Robert F. Bovee son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bovee of Plymouth. Fay is in her senior year at Central Michigan College of Education and is a member of the Delta Omicron Sorority. Bovee attended both Rensselaer College and Central Michigan.

The candlelight service took place at the First Methodist Church of Mt. Pleasant on December 12 at 8:00.

Miss Louise McCormick, who is employed in Detroit, is spending her vacation with relatives in Lovells.

Ken Burkhardt has sold 1/2 a lot of his town property to Mr. and Mrs. Crooks. They will erect a new home there in the spring.

Mrs. Frank Barber arrived at her home in Roscommon this week after spending a month with her son and family, the Clarence Barbers in Farmington and several days at the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond and children and Mrs. Harry Williams left Sunday to spend Christmas in Chicago with the J. Erie Bond family. Mrs. Williams plans to stay in Chicago for a while. The Bonds plan to spend a few days with Mrs. Bond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Taylor in Olivet on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cady have returned to their home in Merrill after spending five weeks as guests of the Callahans. Mrs. J. E. Bugby and daughter, Jane, and father Jerry Sherman, drove to Ludington last Friday to meet Bugby, then proceeded on to Mt. Pleasant where Eleanor joined the group and they returned to Grayling. Bugby and Eleanor are spending the holidays here.

Morden Post, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Post of Frederic is once again enjoying civilian life after serving in the Army for several years.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson, Mrs. Ella Wilcox and little Nancy are spending the holidays in Saginaw with the Richard Snyder family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes and son, Bob, spent Christmas with Milnes' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McInnes and their daughter, Cadet Nurse Jane Milnes in Detroit.

Miss Gloria Moore is home from Traverse City to spend the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore.

Miss Barbara Ann Borchers is home from Mt. Pleasant to spend the holidays with her parents.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport entertained many of their friends Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frymire spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven.

Miss Mildred Smith has arrived home from the University of Michigan to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jappe Smith.

### CARROL and SALLY WERT

wish to take this opportunity to thank  
the people of Grayling for their  
patronage over the years, and to  
extend a welcome to the new owners  
of WERT'S LONE PINE INN.

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

from the new management  
OF

WERT'S LONE PINE INN

John, Connie and Marilyn Stumpf

ter Miss Anna Olsen. The affair was held in the front parlors of the Board of Trade rooms and was a real enjoyable affair. There was a beautiful Christmas tree and the floor beneath held many packages of Yuletide gifts, remembrances from friends abroad as well as from many here at home. Also there were stacks of letters and greetings from all over the U.S. and from many foreign lands. In the front parlors was a table spread with white linen and covered with silver and china and presenting a menu well befitting the festive occasion.

Miss Faith Nolan spent Christmas with her mother.

Lt. and Mrs. Hugh Cook of Tyler, Texas, spent the weekend with his brother, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman are spending the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cornell.

The Joseph Stripes left Wednesday to spend the rest of the holiday season with relatives in Marquette and other points.

Wesley Kumpula, principal of the Grayling schools returned home from Traverse City hospital Sunday almost completely recovered from his recent illness. He will be back in school after the holidays.

Captain Leonard Knibbs is spending the holidays in Roscommon with his sister, Mrs. Fritz Bertl, and visiting old friends in Grayling. Capt. Knibbs has served four and one half years in the Army, 39 months of which were spent in the Pacific.

Miss Mary Jane Joseph of Washington is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph. Miss Marlene and Mrs. J. F. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sorenson held open house for many of their friends Christmas Eve.

Anne Huntington of Lansing is also a guest for that time. Mrs. Alvin Burch of Traverse City was a guest Christmas day.

The Chester Lozow have a new son, Ernest Dale, born Dec. 21, at Mercy Hospital. The little fellow weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz.

T/3 William Joseph arrived home Friday, after being discharged at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Thursday. William served with the Headquarters 12th Replacement Depot three years and nine months with one year and nine months being spent overseas. He is authorized to wear the Victory Medal, The American Theater Ribbon, the European - African, Middle Eastern Ribbon, the ETO Ribbon, three Overseas Bars, One Service Stripe, and the Good Conduct Medal.

46 YEARS AGO —

Dec. 28, 1922

Mr. and Mrs. M. Brenner and family left the middle part of last week for Detroit, where they attended the wedding of Miss Myrtle Gossell, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gossell, which took place on Thursday. Little Miss Annabel Brenner acted as ring bearer for the bride. The Gossells were former residents of Lewiston and are well known in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas of Saginaw, Miss Wilda Failing of Bay City, and Percy Failing who is attending the University of Michigan spent Christmas in the city visiting their mother, Mrs. Ellen Failing and other relatives. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson. Miss Wilda Failing returned to Bay City Tuesday accompanied by her mother who will spend a few days there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Keyport of Bay City spent Christmas at the home of their son, Dr. C. R. Keyport and family.

A Christmas tree and banquet were enjoyed Sunday night by Messrs. C. B. Olearius, John Bruun, Henry and Vincent Grandjean, C. W. Olson and sis-

### LAKE MARGRETHE WATER LEVEL

(Information furnished by U.S. Geological Survey)

Period of Record: Nov. 12, 1942 to date.

Area of Lake: 1,920 acres at elevation, 1,185 ft. m.s.l.

Water level, Dec. 12, 1968 1134.01 ft.

Water level, Dec. 12, 1967 1134.17 ft.

Maximum level for period of record, Sept. 15, 1961 1135.46 ft.

Minimum level for period of record, Sept. 24-27, 1946 1133.57 ft.

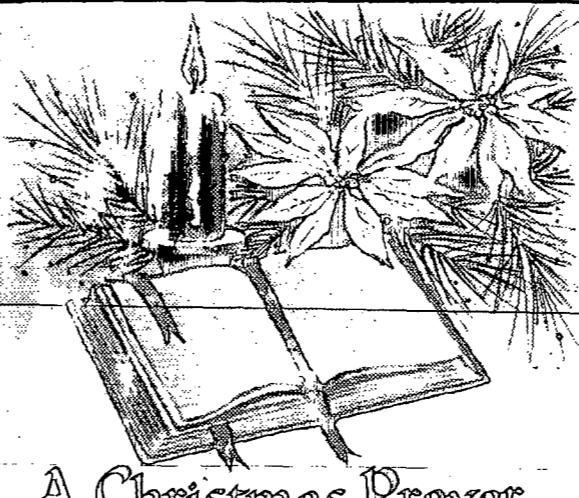
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ter spending Christmas at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gierke.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Chalker are enjoying as their guests Mr. and Mrs. William Chalker and daughter, Beth. Chalker is now located in Saginaw and will soon move his family from Detroit to that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes left Tuesday to spend the remainder of the week at the latter's old home in Clare. While they are away they expect to spend a couple of days in Detroit.

### USE AVALANCHE WANT ADS



### A Christmas Prayer

May the beautiful meaning of Christmas... living through the ages to inspire men everywhere... continue to live in your own heart and mind. And may your Christmas be filled with joy.

### R & H SPORT CENTER

Ray Pease 107 Lake St.

### BITS O' TALK

Kathleen Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marshall, arrived home from Northwestern Friday, Dec. 13, to spend the holidays with her parents. Another daughter, Camilla, from CMU is also home for the holidays.

Grayling Radio and TV will close Dec. 28 and reopen on Jan. 2.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Dosch drove to Ludington Friday, Dec. 20, to pick up their son Mike who is home from school in Wisconsin for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Jansen, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marshall, arrived home from Saginaw Friday due to the death of Mrs. Jansen's father, William Horn, at St. Luke's hospital. He was 73, and had been ill for about two months. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 16, from the Case Funeral Home. Don, Curt, and David returned home Monday and Mrs. Jansen and Kay on Tuesday. Surviving Mr. Horn are his wife, two daughters, Elsie Jansen, and Mrs. Richard Peters of Saginaw, also seven grandchildren.



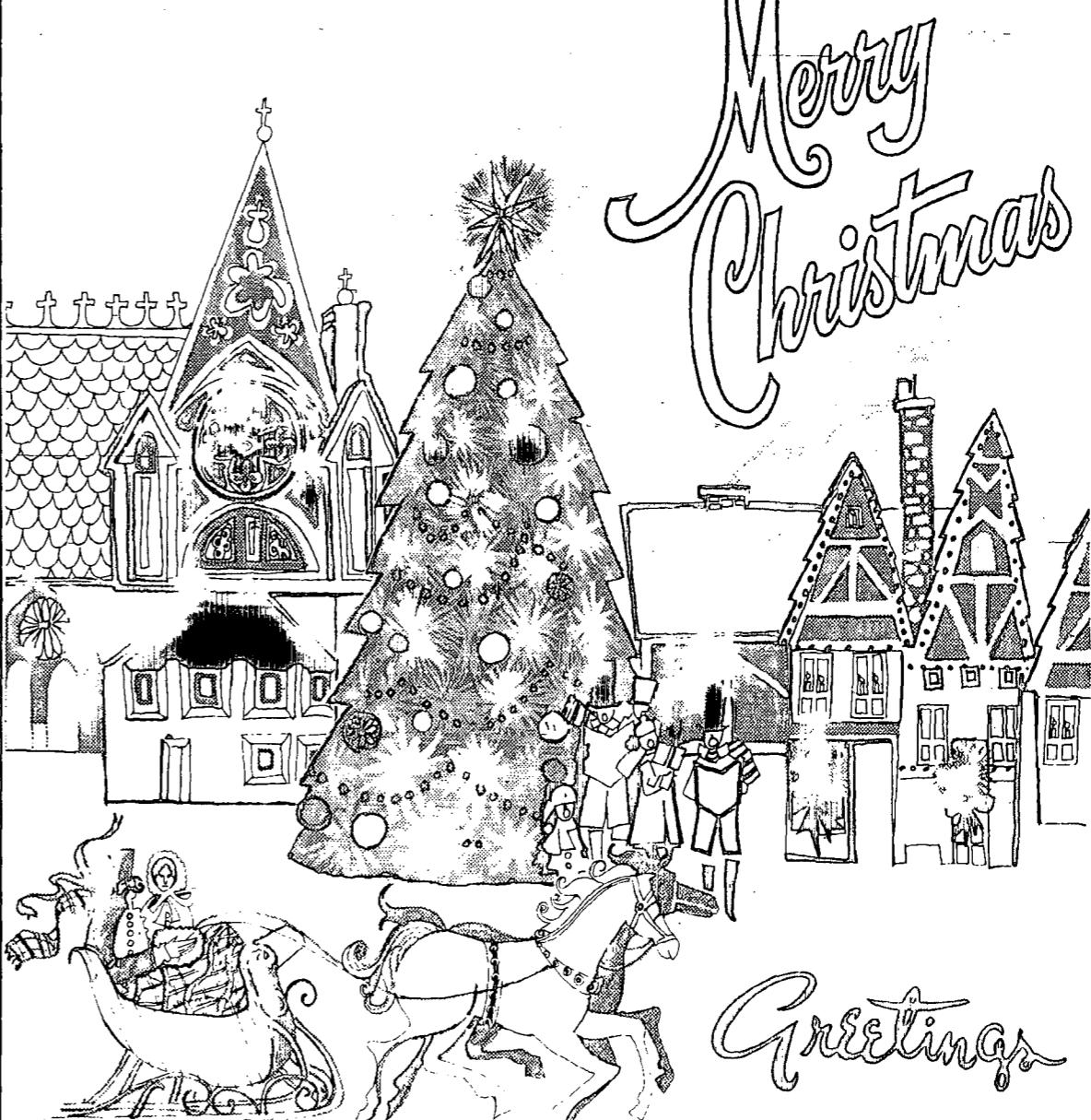
### Christmas Greetings

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LEONARD SERVICE  
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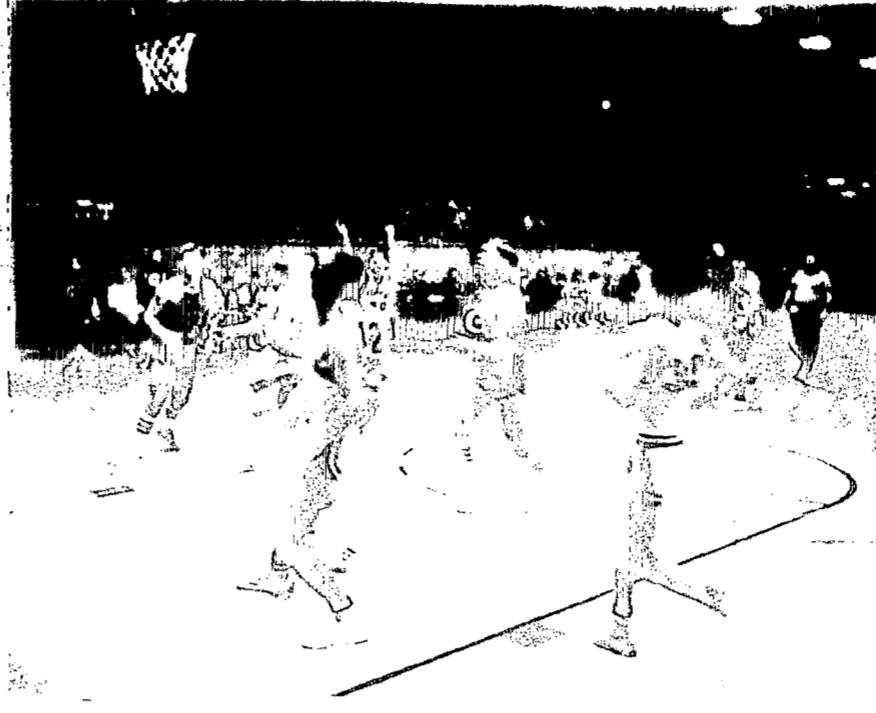
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## Vikings

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had two players in double figures with C. Zitka hitting for 12 and J. McWatters with 10.

St. Germain and Hartman led the Vikings on the boards with 18 and 14 rebounds respectively. Burkett chipped in with 8 and Lowe had 6.

Coach Frank Smith's JV's showed the way in the preliminary at East Jordan as they walked off with a 50 to 34 win over the little Red Devils.

Three local cagers were in

double figures led by Jim with 15 on 7-1, Tim Med with 13 on 5-3 and Murray chipped in with 11 on 5-1, hitting the scoring column. Bill Millikin with 4, Doug Larry Nelson and Bill Man with 2 each and Mike Namara with 1.

The two teams wound up

in the first period at 9-9.

The little Vikings scored

15-4 second quarter to 13-13 at halftime. Grayling

back with a 17-11 third

over the little Red Devils.

Three local cagers were in

the final 10-9.

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Santa brings  
of good things  
your way.  
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**BITS O' TALK**

Bill Kraus, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kraus, arrived home Friday, Dec. 20, from Western Michigan U. for the holidays. Another son, Richard, student at Campion Jesuit High in Prairie du Chien, Wis., arrived home on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Charron and daughter Tracey of Marne spent the weekend visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Art O'Connor and also her grandmother Mrs. Jean Jackson. They also visited her sister Ginger Jones and family while here.

Miriam Brozo and John Brozo arrived home Friday, Dec. 13, from Michigan Tech at Houghton to spend the holidays with his folks, the Stanley Berrys. The family has just completed moving to Higgins Lake after the sale of their motel. They plan to visit Stan's parents, the Arthur Berrys, for Christmas, in Deerfield.

Doug Berry arrived home Dec. 13 from Michigan Tech at Houghton to spend the holidays with his folks, the Stanley Berrys.

The AuSable Council has been successful because people concerned with saving the AuSable have sat across the table and worked out their differences for the common good of this valuable natural resource.

People concerned with the well being of Higgins Lake are interested. I believe that if representatives of the property owners, townships, county, Department of Natural Resource, County Road Commission and others can discuss the whole drainage area of Higgins Lake, that mutual agreements can be worked out for the benefit of Higgins Lake.

Studies of existing developments, presents roads, soil type, slopes and other pertinent conditions can lead to ideas, and plans that will lead to orderly drainage and development of the Higgins Lake basin.

I propose that all interested in organizing a Higgins Lake Basin Study Council, meet with me in the basement meeting room of the County Building, Roscommon, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, 1969.

**NOTICE**

All interested citizens are advised that the Michigan Department of State Highways is planning the relocation of M-72/M-66 in the Village of Kalkaska and Kalkaska County.

The proposed improvement will relocate M-72 from the present M-72/M-66 intersection, south of Kalkaska, westerly 0.8 mile to US-131. M-72 and M-66 will be rerouted along the relocation and northerly on US-131 to their present connection with US-131 at Third Street. Existing M-72/M-66 will be returned to local jurisdiction from their intersection south of Kalkaska, northerly to the present connection with US-131 at Third Street.

Under provisions of Federal Law any citizen who would be affected by the proposed plan may request in writing that the Michigan Department of State Highways hold a formal public hearing concerning the economic effect of the proposed project upon the area involved.

Such a written request should be mailed to G. Robert Adams, Public Hearings Director, Michigan Department of State Highways, Lansing, Michigan. The request must be received on or before December 30, 1968.

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**PROPOSED M-72/M-66 RELOCATION**

Kalkaska County

**MOOSE NEWS**

The auditor from Mooseheart

was at the lodge all last week.

At the meeting Friday evening Butch Foster was elected as lodge secretary.

Saturday the lodge sponsored

its annual Christmas party for

all our youngsters, which was

well attended. Santa paid a visit

during the party.

Don't forget the New Year's

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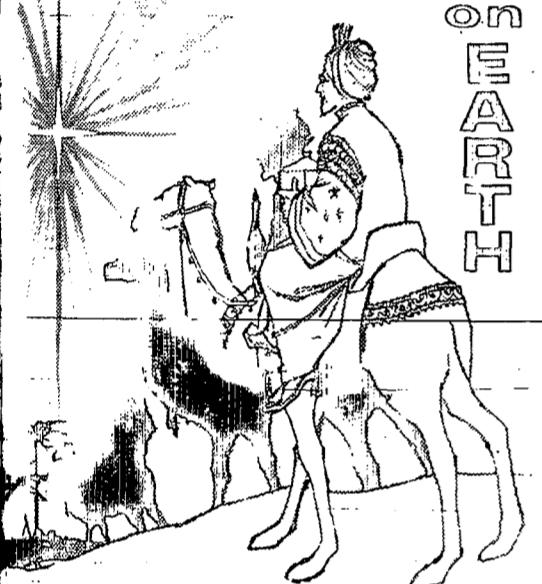
## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Here's hoping that  
Santa brings lots  
of good things  
your way!  
Thank you.



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its wonders, its promise across the  
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to our customers for your many kindnesses. We greatly  
value and enjoy the privilege of serving you. Merry Christmas.

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## Art, Too, Shows 'Illumination' To Light Up Christmas Scene

By ANNA MANG

The very word seems to belong to Christmas, the season of light. Like the star that guided the wise men, Christmas illuminates the spirit of man.

In an artistic sense, illumination has another meaning that is also linked to Christmas: The decoration of books and manuscripts with colorful illustrations, initial letters and borders, "lit" by gold or, occasionally, silver.

Like all the arts, the ancient art of illumination was often employed by man in his efforts to capture some portion of the wonder of Christmas, to retell and to picture the story of the Nativity and related events.

"The Annunciation," "The Nativity," "The Adoration of the Magi," "The Flight into Egypt" — these and other scenes from the well-loved Christmas story appear again and again in the hand-lettered, individually-illustrated books known as illuminated manuscripts.

**When It Began**  
In the early Christian era, illuminated manuscripts were generally the products of monasteries and cathedral schools. The first examples of illumination appeared, however, centuries before the birth of Christ.

The Egyptian "Books of the Dead," manuscripts intended for tomb burial to serve as guides for the deceased in the afterworld, offer examples of gold-lit vignettes dating back to 1350 B.C.

These "books," written on papyrus scrolls, envisioned an afterlife as a continuation of life on earth. People and animals were pictured, along with decorative lettering showing swirls of gold and sometimes silver.

**To Spread Learning**

The coming of Christianity brought a continuing concern with religious subjects as the text for illuminated manuscripts. Monasteries of Egypt and Syria were early dedicated to the creation of art, the development of crafts, the spread of learning.

In the Western world, these aims gained impetus with

the founding of the Benedictine monasteries in the sixth century A.D. Artists and craftsmen worked devotedly to preserve sacred texts through their hand-copied, hand-illustrated, elaborate, hand-bound vellum manuscripts.

From time to time, secular texts — scientific treatises, for example — were also copied and illustrated.

**How It Grew**  
Just as the celebration of Christmas gathered together many customs and rituals of earlier holidays, so too the monasteries drew upon techniques evolved by pre-Christian craftsmen.

Influence of classic Greek and Roman style is evident in the early illuminated manuscripts of the Christian era. This gradually gave way to the decorative, abstract Byzantine style.

With the approach of the Renaissance, more natural, realistic techniques came into use, in illumination as in other forms of art.

**Treasured Today**

In the preparation of illuminated manuscripts, a master artist often set the style for copyists and assistants to follow, since even the decoration of an initial letter could be a major project.

A single letter might occupy an entire page, and a complete scene or miniature painting might be contained within the boundaries of, for instance, an initial "C" or "D."

Some manuscripts, in fact, represent the work not only of more than one artist but of more than one generation of artists.

Today, illuminated manuscripts are treasures of libraries and museums, and rightly so, for throughout a thousand years of Christian history, the art of illumination brought an extra dimension of beauty to manuscripts that are, in themselves, precious works of art.

**SMIGGENS  
DIGGINS**

**Luminaria City**

**Lights The Way**

During the holidays, Albuquerque is called Luminaria City. Millions of paper sacks are lighted by a single candle inside. They are called Luminarias or farolitos after the Spanish who originated the custom.

Entire neighborhoods go together to "light the way for the lost Christ Child," as the Spanish tradition has it. The lights give the appearance of golden lanterns when spaced about three feet apart on the edges of the sidewalks, flat roofs and beside steps.

New Mexicans have decorated their homes at Christmas with luminarias for about 300 years. Originally New Mexicans used little bonfires of bright burning pinon and pine to light the paths of processions and festivities at Christmas. Small lanterns from Mexico were also used. It is not known who first used the paper sack luminaria, but each year the custom has spread until today they are the traditional New Mexico Christmas light.

About two inches of sand or dirt is placed in each sack, and the top of the sacks are folded down one time. Inside the sack goes a small votive candle which burns about two hours.

**RASPBERRY-PEACH COMPOTE**

2 pkgs. frozen raspberries, thawed  
8 peach halves, drained  
3 egg whites  
6 tablespoons sugar

Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Gradually beat in sugar until smooth and glossy. Place peaches cut up, in shallow baking dish; top each with a spoonful of meringue. Bake at 450 degrees for 5 minutes. Place raspberries in serving dish; remove peaches carefully from dish and float on raspberries.

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**BELLS OF JOY** ... This painting by Leon Fragoso of Mexico brings to the exuberance of the Christmas spirit. It's called "Joy Bells".

**Question: Who Put 'X' In Christmas?**

Almost every year from this time on, the question comes up again — who put the "X" in Christmas, and cries such as the unchristian approach to an otherwise solemn occasion.

Actually, it's been there all the time. An "X," used alone or in combination with other letters, often stands for the word "Christ," and an Episcopalian priest, explains: "This usage is quite ancient or as ancient certainly as the term 'Christmas' itself.

It isn't so much how you spell it as how you keep it that determines how blessed will be the joyous season.

**CHRISTMAS IN MIDSUMMER**

In Central and South America, where the holiday is in midsummer, Santa Claus and Christmas trees are seldom seen. But after midnight mass on Christmas Eve, or at dinner on Christmas Day, families gather to enjoy the traditional roast suckling pig and their wide assortment of desserts.

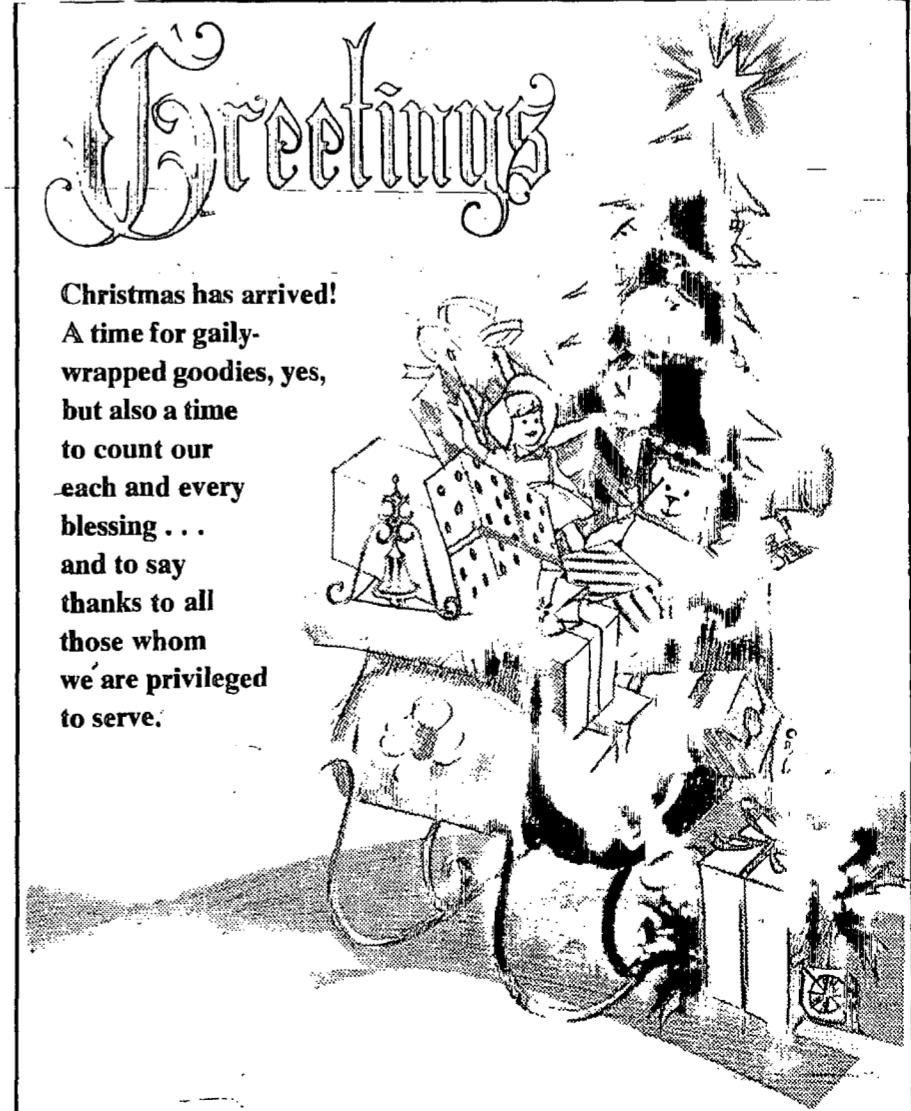


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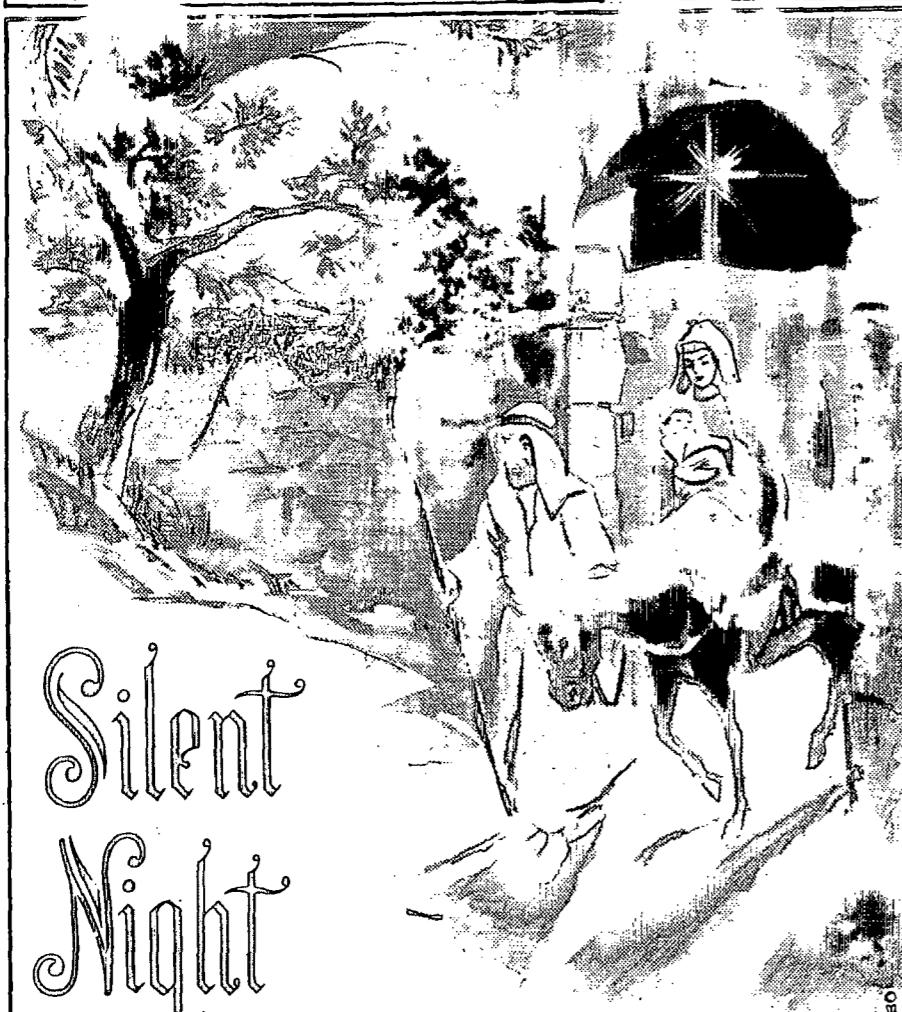
**SAN FRANCISCO**  
San Francisco's first tree  
was made in 1850 from Douglas fir branches wired to a stick by a German wine proprietor.

## Day CHRISTMAS

fill the hearts of men everywhere with the good will that its true meaning offers to all. And may the joy and blessings of that first Christmas be yours.



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## Silent Night

As the story of the first Christmas unfolds in churches and homes across the land, may you and yours share in its hope for "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men."

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## Tree Radiates Yule Meaning

The Christmas tree, a universally recognized symbol of the merriest season, radiates the meaning of the Christmas story.

For many people, the tree recalls the atmosphere of the holiday home and thus reflects the joyful warmth of the season.

As a religious symbol, the tree with its lights and greenery represents both the story of the garden of Eden and the belief in Christ as the "Light of the world."

Although only a century and a half old in America, the custom of the tree has a history that is measured in many centuries. The forerunner of today's Christmas tree was seen in medieval miracle plays, which were produced as religious instruction for the illiterate — in an era when illiteracy was common and the ability to read a rarity.

A play about Eve's eating the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden was enacted

with only one prop on stage, a single, apple-laden fir that became known as the Paradise Tree. The play ended with the promise of the coming of Christ and was usually presented just before Christmas.

A major setback almost occurred in Cleveland in 1851 when a pastor decorated a tree in his home. His neighbors condemned him as pagan, but

grants carried the tree throughout the country.

In the mid-South it's the long-needled pine. Favorite in the West are firs and cypresses.

Popularity varies from region to region.

When choosing a Christmas tree, select it for beauty, fragrance and lasting needles. Balsam and Douglas fir have those qualities. Their dark green, soft at tip needles will remain as long as two or three weeks indoors.

A Norway spruce makes an ideal outdoor Christmas tree. Indoors it has a tendency to shed rather quickly. A white spruce on the other hand is better for indoor use if it is not cut too early in the season. Its bluish-green needles distinguish it from a Norway spruce. Red pine is gaining in popularity but its needles are too soft to hold ornaments. It does, however, make good greens for decorations.

Never place the tree near decorations are flame, a fireplace, smoking stand or where it may block the exit of a room. Make sure the

**MERRY  
Christmas  
TO ALL!**

BOTH ELEMENTS THAT LED TO TODAY'S Christmas tree — the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Light pyramid — are shown in this antique Christmas card of the 1880's. The card was published by Ophacker Brothers of Munich, Germany, and is part of the Hallmark Cards Historical Collection.

At about the same time, people also decorated for the Christmas season with pyramid-shaped frames of light, symbolizing the birth of Christ as the Light of the world.

Early efforts to combine the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Light pyramid are recorded in manuscripts from Germany dating to the 16th century, collected by the Hallmark Cards research library.

The first tree was thought to have been brought to the United States by Hessian soldiers during the American Revolution. These homesick soldiers and other immigrants after an explanation of its religious aspects.

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Yuletide Greetings

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GIFT

Sending floral arrangements by wire is a convenient way to say "Merry Christmas" to friends and family. There are many legends behind some of our favorite Christmas flowers, holly sprang up where the infant Jesus took His first steps, according to one story.

Today, flowers are a symbol of the holiday spirit and bouquets wired can convey seasons greetings to friends and family even when they're thousands of miles away. Catalogues, which are available at local florists' shops, enable you to see the bouquet you're wiring before you make your selection.

### For Holidays

#### Festive Cheesebread Special Treat

1 cup milk  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1 tablespoon salt  
1 tablespoon shortening  
Scald milk, add sugar, salt, and shortening; let stand until luke warm. Dissolve yeast in warm water. Combine with the milk mixture. Add cheese and flour; blend well. Cover batter and set in a warm place for 45 minutes. Stir the batter down and beat for half a minute. Pour into a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole or two 9x5 loaf pans. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for one hour.

2 pkgs. active dry yeast

1 cup warm water

1 cup grated cheddar cheese

4 1/2 cups sifted flour

With the milk mixture. Add cheese and flour; blend well. Cover batter and set in a warm place for 45 minutes. Stir the batter down and beat for half a minute. Pour into a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole or two 9x5 loaf pans. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for one hour.



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We're taking this opportunity to say "Hello" and to thank our customers for their patronage. Have a merry Christmas!

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HOW TO BUY AND CARE FOR  
**YOUR  
TREE**

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### STICKY FRESH

Rub a finger across the but of the tree before buying it. If it's sticky with sap, it's still quite fresh. A stump of 6 or 7 inches long will allow stability when the tree is set up and give "drinking" area to soak up water.

When the tree is brought home, cut a diagonal one-inch slice from the stump, and peel back the bark another inch. Now place the tree in a bucket of water — you may add a cup of sugar or syrup. Keep the tree outside until you are ready to decorate it and add water each day as well as sprinkle the branches.

When you set up the tree, make sure the stump will continue to take up plenty of moisture. Anchor the tree in a stand filled with sand to which water can be added daily.

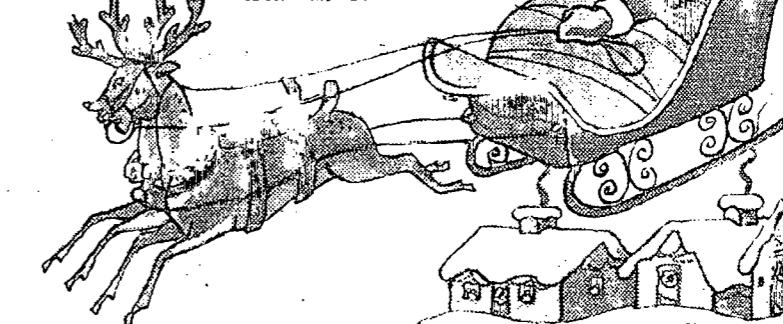
Check the needles every day. If they turn brown in the vicinity of Christmas lights, move the lights. If needles begin to drop heavily, take the tree down at once; a dried out tree is a distinct hazard.

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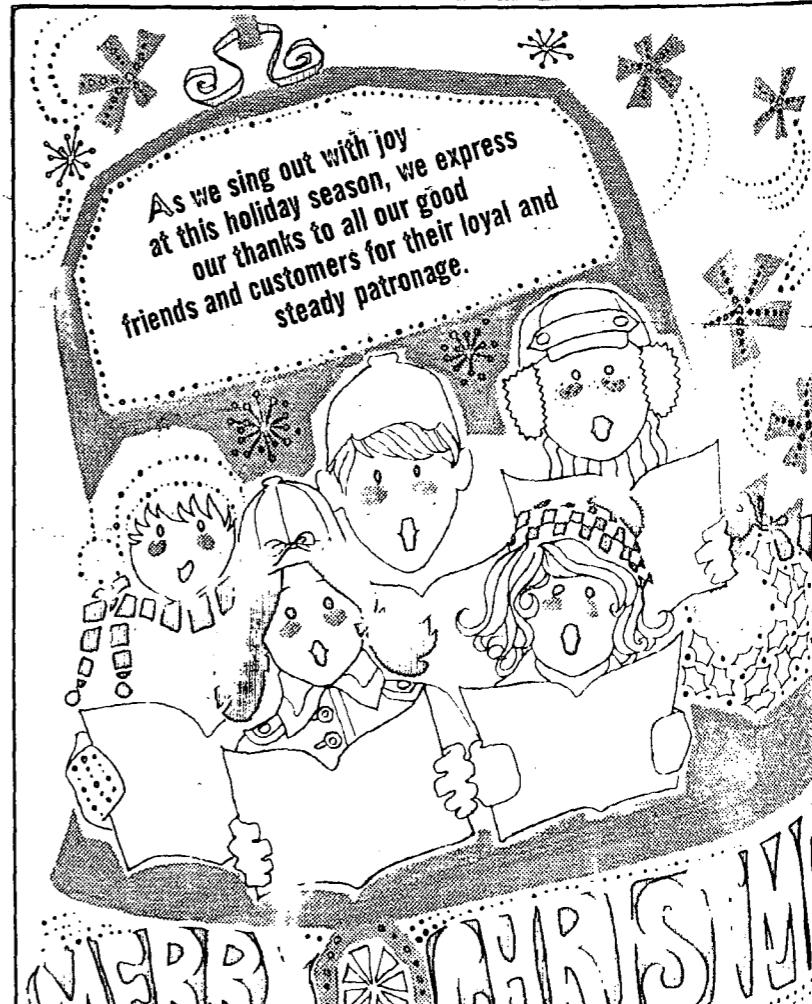
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Santa's on his way with a sleighful of merry wishes for you, plus a hearty "Thank you" from us, too!



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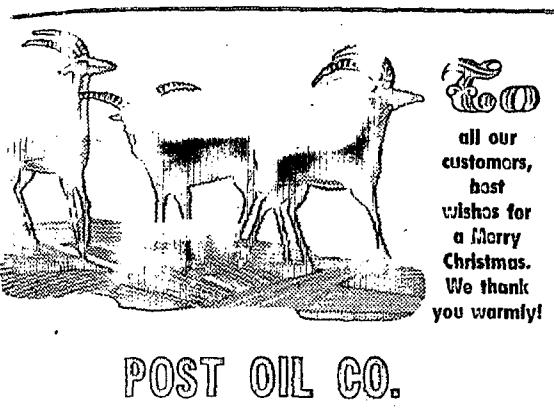
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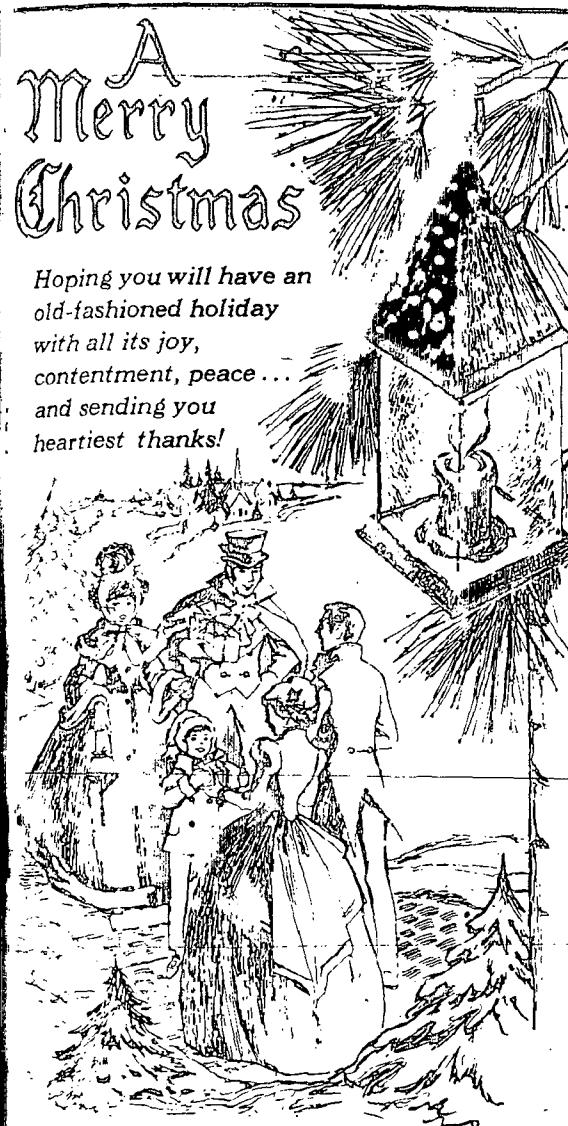
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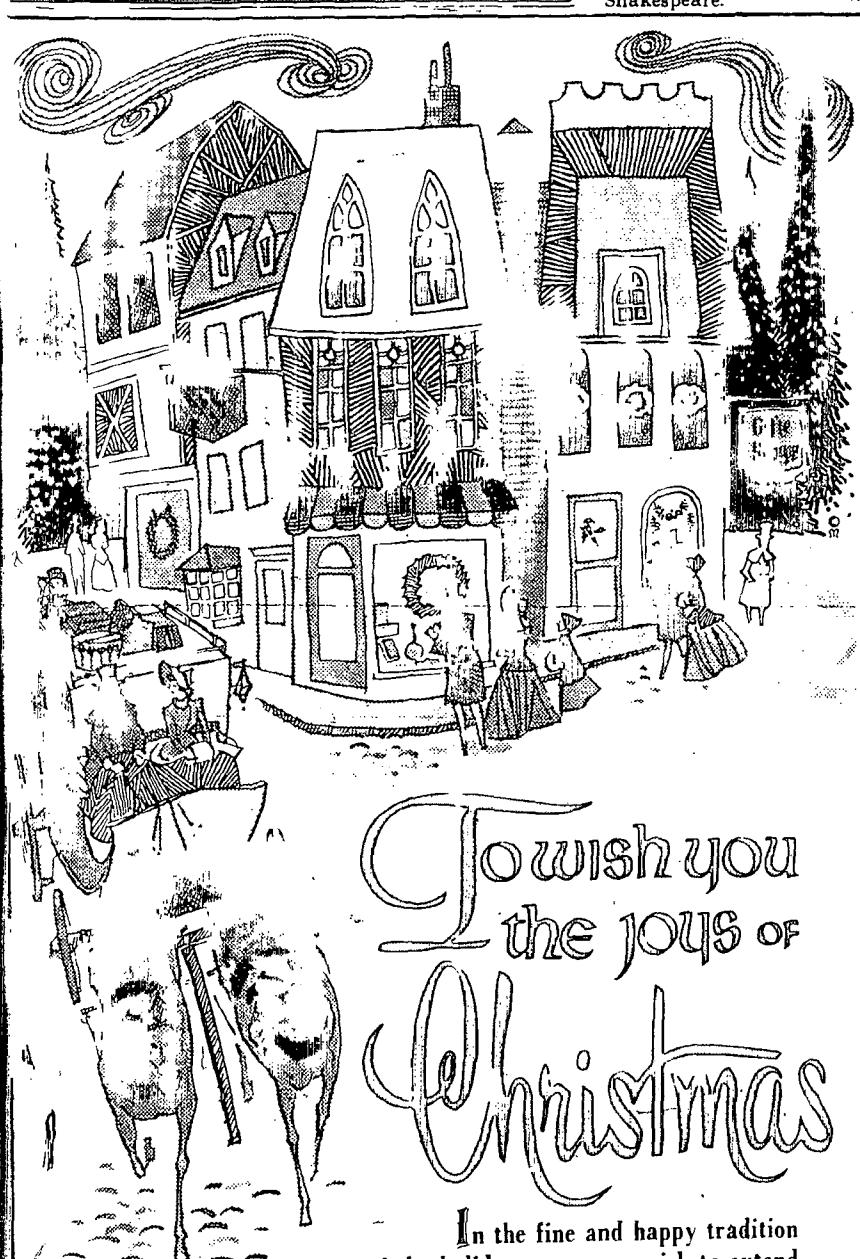
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Art Clough

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## CHRISTMAS GIFTS AROUND THE WORLD

When Santa Kurosu (Japanese for Santa Claus) opens his bag on Christmas Eve, a strange smell may fill the air—for some Japanese villagers consider it extremely good luck to give fish as Christmas presents!

In Spain, gifts are exchanged on January 6th in honor of Epiphany, to celebrate the arrival of the Three Wise Men at Bethlehem. Adults in France exchange gifts on New Year's Day, but the impatient young are visited by Pere Noel on Christmas Eve just like their American cousins. The German child finds candy and nuts in his stocking, or a potato... depending upon his "report" to Santa.

Italian children put out their shoes to eagerly await presents from a female version of Santa Claus called La Befana who, riding a broomstick, brings gifts to good children... and ashes to bad ones. While waiting for Befana, who comes on Jan. 6th Italian children and their elders draw small gifts on Christmas Eve from a jar called the "urn of fate".

In Sweden, the feast of St. Lucia on December 13th ushers in the Christmas season. Each community chooses a lovely Lucia Queen to represent the young girl martyred for her religion centuries before in ancient Rome. The chosen Queen is fed and entertained royally. In families with daughters, throughout Sweden, the pret-

iest is traditionally chosen as Lucia. Her "gift" is to wait on everyone else for the day. The systematic British long ago established December 26th as "Boxing Day"—on this pugilistic sounding occasion, servants and tradespeople all over England are given boxes of money in token appreciation for their services.

Christmas isn't Christmas without presents" said a concerned Amy in the classic "Little Women" and tradition bears her statement out. Whatever the amount spent, whatever the present, Americans certainly agree with Amy's sentiments. Studies show that 27 billion dollars were spent on Christmas presents in a recent year.

### HOLIDAY SAFETY

Christmas season marks the beginning of an extended holiday period that will see traffic mount to new highs on the nation's highways.

In many areas, driving conditions will be more hazardous during this time because of weather. Hundreds of Americans lose their lives annually on the highways during the Christmas holiday period. Don't be

PERSIAN STYLE... The visit of the Wise Men, in Persian setting, is depicted in this gold-leaf decorated lithograph from Iran, done by Agha Behzad, a well known miniaturist.

THE FIRST NOEL

No one knows who wrote "The First Noel". It first appeared in print in 1883 in a book called "Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern", and is believed to be very old.

The author of "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" also is unknown, but he lived before Shakespeare.

SEASONAL... In many parts of the South, it just isn't Christmas dinner unless there is a pecan pie on the sideboard.

### CARDS WERE GENERAL

Most of the popular Christmas cards of the later 19th century in Europe had no particular Christmas significance. There were some manger scenes and others of religious nature, but these were far outnumbered by landscapes, flowers, kittens, and similar subjects.

### TO THE WORLD

glad, glorious Christmas comes, and with it best wishes, grateful thanks to you.

Dr. P. A. Swanson,  
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Dr. James Hough,  
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## YULE CAROLING

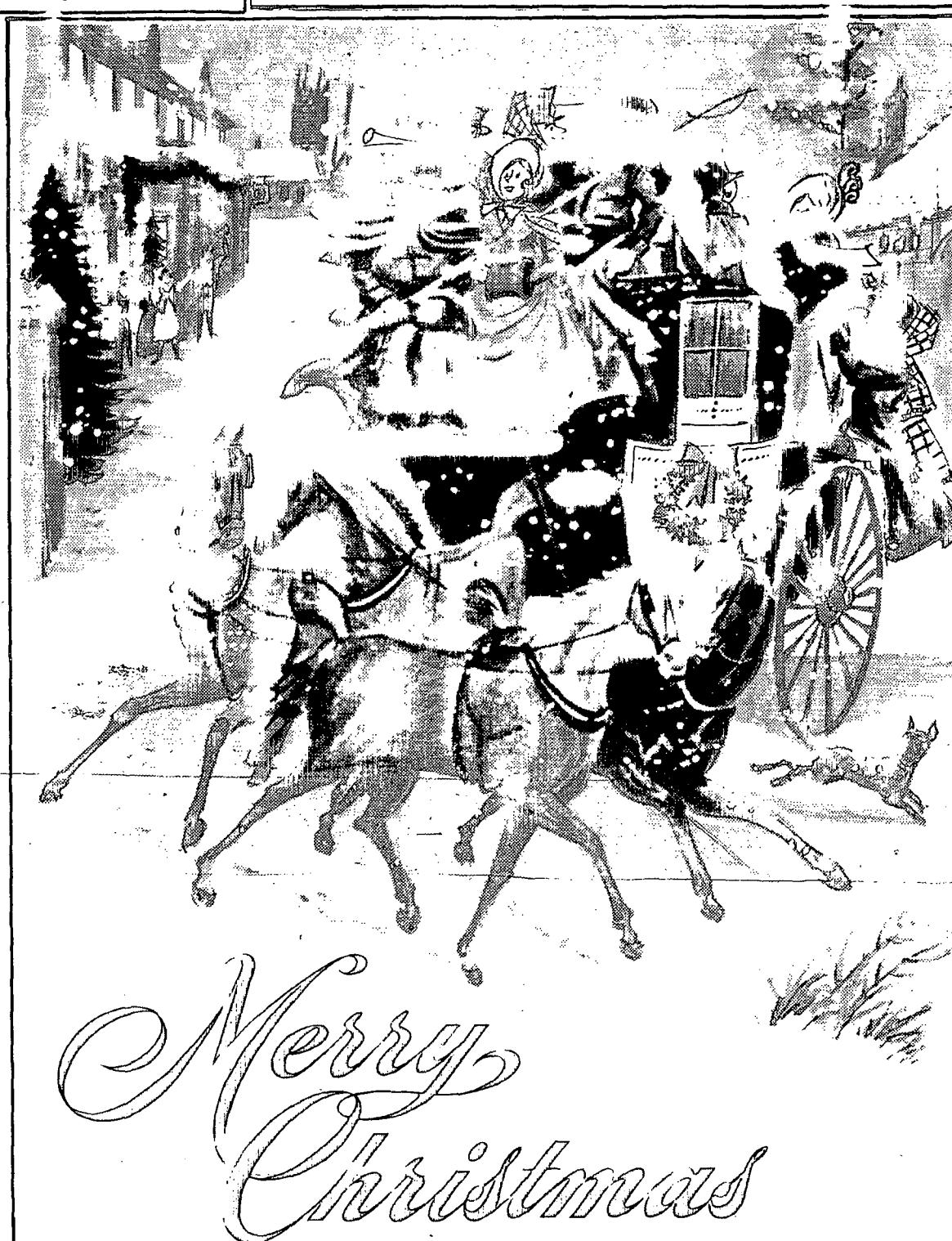
composed carols to sing with their Nativity plays and after the plays they would stroll down the street, singing. In that way, streetcaroling began. So if you should go caroling

this Christmas season, think of other carolers of years gone by, of the people of Charles Dickens' time in their beaver hats cut away coats, of English villagers in hose and jerkin, of good St. Francis, and of the priests of the time of the Christian Roman Empire who, before caroling as we know it existed, sang "in celebration of our Lord."



This season, it is our wish that your spirit be moved by the inspiration and hope that distinguished the first Christmas. And that its meaning then... of peace and good will toward men... will be its meaning now for you and your loved ones.

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Christmas is in the air everywhere! Family and friends join to rejoice, trees are being trimmed, carols are sung, gifts exchanged, bells ring out a merry tune and hearts are filled with peaceful happiness. These are the very special joys of the season. May each and every one be yours. And we add our grateful thanks as we wish you a Merry Christmas.

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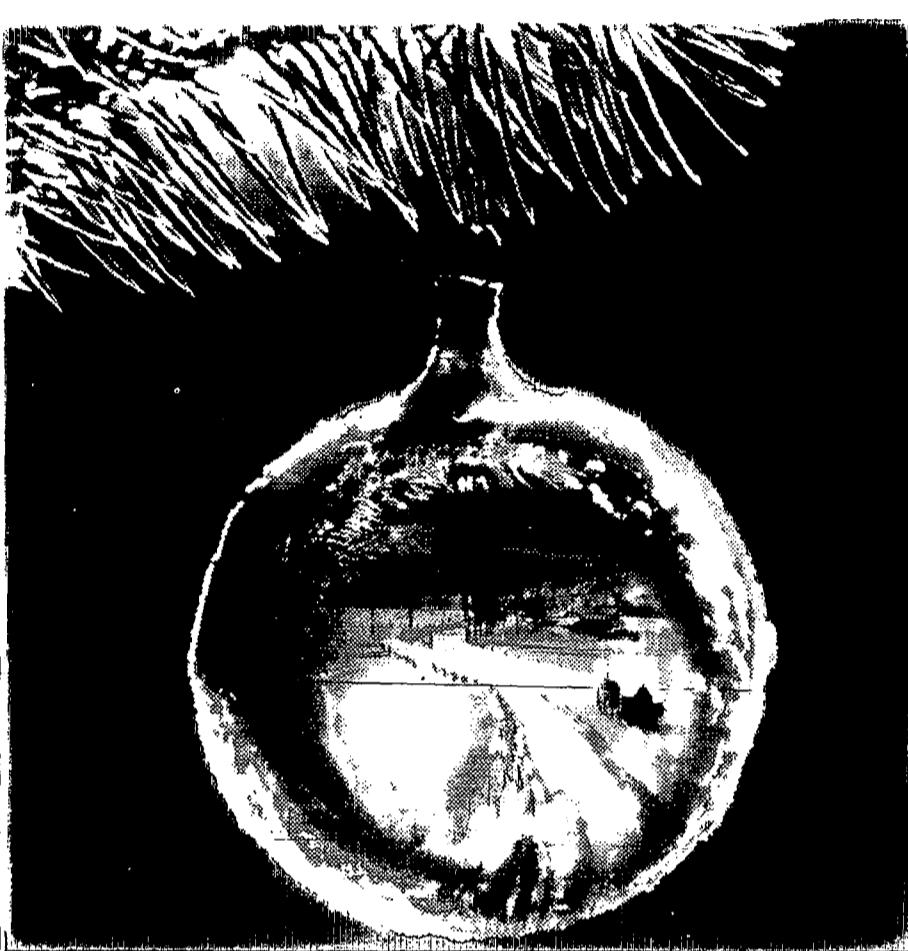
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**Christmas  
Reverie**

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Christmas—and we crunch along the rutted lane to the house where Grandpa waits, white hair shining in the candlelight, to throw open the door before the biggest tree a child has ever seen.

Christmas—and I cry as I unpack the cardboard manger scene I made as a child, that Mother had set up every year 'till now.

Christmas—and our little girl kneels tenderly beside a homemade manger. Two brothers flank her, their shepherd hats askew, as Daddy reads by firelight, "And there were in the same country shepherds..."

Christmas—and in a world that knows war, bitterness, and pain, I praise God for the Babe who "grew in grace" and demonstrated perfect Love.

Christmas—and candlelight gleams on the altar of your church and mine as we thank God for the birthday of a King.

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**ELECT OFFICERS FOR CREDIT UNION HERE**

At a meeting of interested persons held December 7 at the high school gym, the Crawford County Federal Credit Union was formed and the following persons elected to office. On the board of directors, president: Don Wojciechow; vice-president: Roger Kneif; secretary: Norma Seward; education: Robert McNeil, Leo Lovely and William Sietsema; on the supervisory committee: Clifford Beck, chairman; Douglas Zill and Michael Butler; and on the credit committee: James Sorenson, chairman; Betty Sajdak, secretary; and Mary Reed.

Anyone living or working within Crawford county is eligible to join the credit union. The re-

ceipt of membership cards and deposits will be handled by Bob Robertson at the Clark gas station on Cedar Street.

Robert McNeil, publicity

**WEATHER**

Courtesy of Wayne Rose

Date	Max.	Min.	Precip.	Snow	On Gr.
Dec. 11	30	17	—	—	5
Dec. 12	42	30	tr	—	3
Dec. 13	43	29	0.28	tr	1
Dec. 14	30	16	0.07	0.9	1
Dec. 15	20	3	—	—	1
Dec. 16	23	7	—	—	1
Dec. 17	29	4	—	—	1

**MICHELSON MEMORIAL  
METHODIST CHURCH**

Rev. Charles L. Kobl  
Divine Worship, 8:30-11 a. m.  
Church School 9:45 a. m.  
M. Y. F. Sundays 6:00 p. m.  
Choir Pract. Thurs. 7:30 p. m.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH**

Grayling, Phone 348-2691  
Rev. Fr. William McKnight  
Regular Schedule

Sunday Masses at 6:30, 8:30  
and 10:30.

Week days at 8:20 a. m.  
Holy Days — 6:30 and 8:45  
a. m. and 5:30 p. m.

**Deer Hunting Season**

Sunday Masses, 5:00, 8:30 and  
10:30 a. m.

**Confessions**

Saturday — 4 to 5 p. m. and  
7:00 to 8:00 p. m.

**Frederick Church of God**

Rev. Paul Aumiller, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:30 a. m.

Worship Service 11 a. m.  
Evening Service 7:30 p. m.

Youth Service 6:30 p. m.

Prayer meetings, Thursday,  
7:30 p. m.

**Reorganized Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter Day Saints**

Cornet Plum and Smith St.

Pastor, Norval Stephan

Church School 10:00 a. m.

Preaching — 11 a. m. and  
7:30 p. m.

Midweek Service, Prayer  
7:30 p. m.

**LOVELLS CHAPEL**

Rev. Jack Rink

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.

Chapel Service 11:00 a. m.

**Christ Missionary Church**

Minister H. Hennig

4 miles East of Frederick on  
County Road 612

Sunday School, 10:30-11:45  
a. m.

Bible Study Wednesday and  
Preaching Sunday evening,  
7:30.

**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL  
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501 Michigan Ave.

Robert F. Haskel, Pastor

Phone 348-8201

Worship services 11 a. m.

Sunday School 9:30 a. m.

**Calvary Baptist Church**

Chestnut St. and US-27

Pastor Watson Bliger

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.

Worship Service 11 a. m.

Young Service 6:30 p. m.

Evangelistic worship 7:30 p. m.

Mid-Week Services

Prayer and Bible Class Wednesdays, 7:30 p. m.

**ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

M-72 West

Rev. J. R. C. Patterson

Sunday —

Holy Communion 8 a. m.

Morning Prayer 11 a. m.

Church School 11 a. m.

Holy Communion 1st Sunday

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

FREDERIC

Rev. Claire Olin

Sunday —

Bible School 9:45 a. m.

Morning Worship 11 a. m.

Youth People 6:30 p. m.

Evening Service 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday — Prayer & Bible

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**Free Methodist Church**

Otis C. Smith, Pastor

1515 M-144, Roscommon

Phone 275-5017

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.

Worship Service 11:15 a. m.

Evening Service 7:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday

7:00 p. m.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

Services held on Saturday in

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Church Service 11 a. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday

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Bayley Township Hall

Gaylord, South

Church Services 10:30 a. m.

8 p. m.

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Services every 2nd Wed.

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**ALWAYS A CHRISTMAS**

The bright eyes of children around a Christmas tree will always be with us. You can say it's sentimental, but the old world needs more of that sentiment. You can say it's unnecessary, but so are a mother's kiss, a friendly handshake and the song of a robin. Christmas is the one day of the year when kindness and faith and joy have a right of way; a day when the hearts are brighter, when smiles are kindler. Sure, there'll always

**Fragile Egg Shells  
For Exquisite Tree**

An English proverb says "Better half an egg than an empty shell". However, creators of exquisite decorated egg shells have refuted this.

Take empty shells and a variety of other small fragile things—fake pearls and brilliant stones, miniature gilt ornaments, the tiniest of artificial flowers and ferns—and create Christmas tree ornaments of heirloom quality.

It is precisely because they are so fragile that these ornaments are so charming. Even one, strategically hung, could have a place of honor in your tree.



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and understanding a few of the ideas associated with them will be useful in your preparations. According to color experts, there is a reason for our seasonal preference for certain shades: Bright, warm colors like orange and red suggest warmth, gaiety and joy. Green is associated with hope and life everlasting. Light, cool colors of blue, turquoise, and violet, are calm and serene.

Carefully plan the effect you want to achieve before starting. For instance, it would be an original and soothing setting for all the activity and excitement, to provide a mood of peace and contentment using blues, whites and metallic touches.

A theme from the words of one of your favorite carols could be expressed through the creative use of color in your Yuletide decorations. After you have decided on a general color scheme, try to keep hues simple. THERE is a definite language of colors; they produce certain thoughts and feelings.

Blue particularly, expresses restfulness, truth and dependability. White means purity, peace, faith and joy. Silver symbolizes birth, purity, the Spirit, and the promise of happy times; while gold stands for royalty and power. As one of the gifts of the Three Wise Men—Melchior, Balthasar, and Caspar—gold meant that Christ was acknowledged as King of men.

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To you, sincere greetings and thanks . . . with every good wish that the joy and delight of the Yuletide will be yours.

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IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME!



This is the season of good cheer when family and friends gather to celebrate the holiday amid sounds of music and laughter, the smell of good foods to eat, presents for all. To faithful friends old and new we offer a "Merry Christmas" and our thanks for your generous consideration.

THE GRAYLING INSURANCE AGENCY  
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## Yesteryear's Customs Live At Yuletide

Candles and carols, trees and treats, gifts and greens — and Santa Claus, of course. Wherever Christmas is celebrated, these symbols seem to appear.

In the modern era of rapid communication, there is a growing uniformity in the ways that people everywhere choose to mark the holiday.

Yesteryear's customs, however, still have their place in modern celebrations. It's a case of "the more things change, the more they stay the same," as countries, communities and individuals seek to cherish and preserve their own special holiday traditions.

Some of these traditions, as treasured in memory or kept alive in holiday ritual, are compiled in the following paragraphs, according to information from the editors of Encyclopedia International.

### It's a Mystery

Mysterious things happen on Christmas Eve, say country legends of Switzerland. Young people may foretell the future, if they drink from nine different fountains while the midnight church bells chime. Then, if they hasten to the church steps,



## Why Pick Chimney? St. Nick Has Reasons

Why does Santa come down the chimney?

Of all the traditions connected with Santa, his unconventional mode of entry might seem the most puzzling. Surely the magical gift giver, who has the power to drive reindeer through the skies and who can cover the earth in a single night, could find an easier way to enter a house.

Like most of the lore of Christmas, Santa's choice of the chimney has several explanations. For instance, legend has it that the original Santa, St. Nicholas, presented three maidens with gifts of gold for a dowry. Modestly concealing his generosity, he tossed the gold down a chimney, in secret.

Another theory claims that Santa copied a goddess, who was the first to deliver gifts via a chimney. According to this legend, when the Vikings of Norway celebrated the Yuletide or winter solstice in their "hat halls," a festive occasion, the occasion was the occasion of the god

des Hertha in the fireplace.

As her name indicates, Hertha was goddess of hearth and home, and most appropriately arrived by way of the chimney, to deliver her Yuletide gifts of good luck and good cheer.

Still another explanation takes a practical point of view. Housewives of Northern Europe, cleaning house for the New Year, used to coax children to help with the chores by saying, "Let's clean the hearth. St. Nicholas will soon be coming down the chimney."

The children willingly set to work, and thus, says legend, a tradition was born. Even when he takes to helicopter or jet plane, Santa delivers his gifts by way of the chimney!

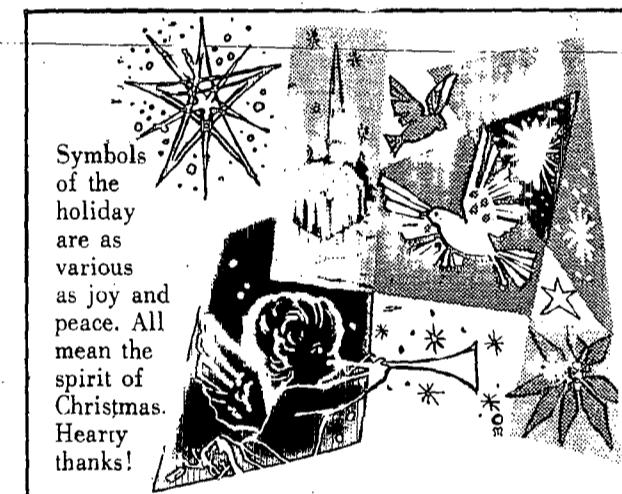
### For Feasting

Traditional Christmas treat in Spain is a sweet pastry called "duces de almendra." The ingredients are flour, egg white and almonds.



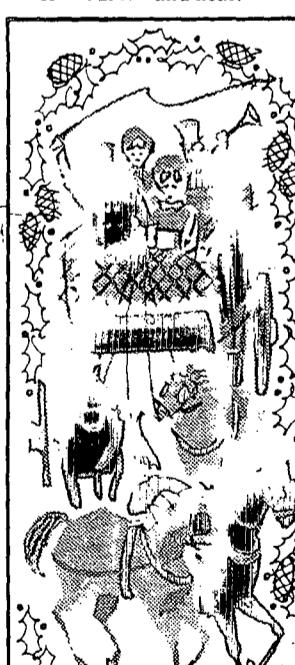
### A Joyous Christmas

Take these flowers, gemm'd with dew-drops. As a loving gift from me: May thy heart reflect their brightness And thy Christmas joyous be!



We wish you a Merry Christmas!

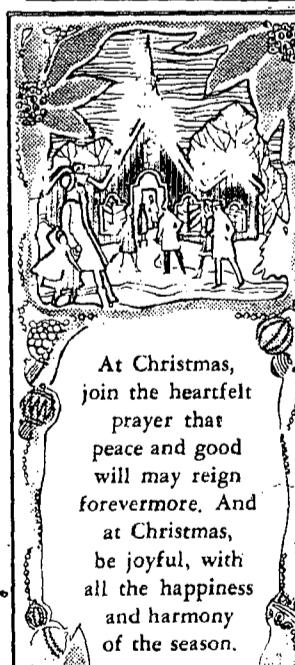
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## Cities Put Up Evergreens

Comes Christmas, and cities everywhere renew a tradition of setting up a community Christmas tree, a custom which began early in this century.

In 1909, citizens of Pasadena, Calif., decorated an evergreen on Mount Wilson as the tree of the city.

The year 1912 saw community Christmas trees erected in Madison Square, New York, N. Y., and on the Common in Boston, Mass. Independence Square in Philadelphia, Pa., showed off its first community tree in 1914.

President Calvin Coolidge inaugurated the custom of a national community Christmas tree in Washington, D. C., when he was presented with a large evergreen by the University of Vermont. In 1923



## Silent Night

May the spirit of that night, on which the Saviour was born, shine upon you in this Christmas season.

Grateful thanks for your continued good will.

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Greetings

with every good wish for a beautiful Christmas! And may we express our sincere thanks for your patronage.

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Christmas Greetings

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Mercy Hospital News  
Patients at Mercy Hospital this week included Clinton Crowell, Sylvester Crowell, Jr., Nick, Gladys Howe, MacQue, Doris Mead, stepson, Annabelle, Lonnie Benedict, wife, Ellen Stephan.



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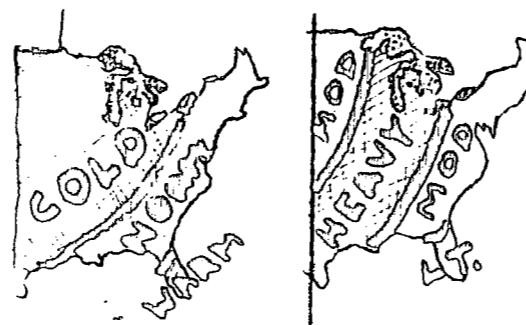






Sorenson Funeral Home

Northern Michigan Weather Forecasting  
TEMPERATURE PRECIPITATION



Weekly Weather Report by Chris Gentry  
Monday, December 23 — Friday, December 27

The pre-Christmas heavy snow will taper off to moderate snow Monday after receiving several inches. It will be very cold Monday

day, highs will be around 15. Tuesday will be extremely cold under cloudy skies with snow squalls. Santa Claus will have a cold nose Tuesday night, as temperatures will be below zero. Tuesday's high won't get above 10. Partly to mostly cloudy skies with snowflurries will prevail Christmas day, showing every sign of the winter season. The highs will only be in the lower teens. Thursday will be fair and not as cold, highs in the upper teens. Cloudiness will increase once again Friday, with a chance of snow by evening. It will be warmer, highs in the mid-20's. Taking a far-ahead look at the weekend shows Saturday will be mild with snow, turning colder Sunday.

Temperatures Monday through Friday will average 8 to 12 degrees below the normal high of 22 and normal low of 10.

Precipitation will total about one-fourth inch which will fall as 2 to 4 inches of snow.

Last week's average high—26, average low—5, which is 4 degrees below last week's normal high of 25 and normal of 12.

We received 0.64 inch of precipitation, which included 5½ inches of snow.

Grayling may be headed for a near-record snowfall this year as we have received 63.7 inches of snow this season.

NMWF wishes everyone a safe and merry Christmas.

Obituaries

William H. Davis, 68, of Frederic Succumbs

William H. Davis, 68, owner and proprietor of the Davis Grocery in Frederic, passed away Dec. 16 at the Veterans Hospital in Saginaw after a long illness. Funeral services were held at two o'clock Friday afternoon, with the Veterans Hospital Chaplain, J. F. Williams, officiating. Burial was in the Frederic Cemetery.

He came to this area in 1933 to serve as sergeant of the Pigeon River Conservation Camp until it was closed down in 1941. He thereafter operated the boarding home for the aged in Gaylord until purchasing the store in Frederic and moving there December 15, 1952.

William Davis was born Nov. 30, 1900 in Argo City, Ky. He was a member of the Gaylord Eagles Lodge, the Clyde Wilke VFW Post in Gaylord, and was a World War I veteran.

Serving as pallbearers were Allen Leng, Gene Kaiser, Gene Harmer, Larry Baynham, Claude Dipzinski and Leonard Dipzinski.

Surviving are his widow, Cecelia, a son, William Jr. stationed at Grissom AFB in Indiana, one daughter, Mrs. Patricia Ann Sajdak of Frederic, and three grandchildren.

TOPS Notice

A number of TOPS members cannot continue because they are working Thursday evenings or are tied up in some other way. If there is enough interest, a morning meeting of the group, a Wednesday session from 9 to 11 a.m. will be formed.

Everyone, whether a TOPS member or not, if interested to form a Wednesday morning instead of Thursday evening group, come to Ausagra Acres Community room at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 and a Wednesday morning club will be formed. TOPS means take off pounds sensibly. Everyone who realizes they need to lose weight is welcome to join.

BOWLING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Dec. 17, 1968

1 Jarmin Ins.	42
2 Clair's Standard	31
3 Legion Lanes	30
4 Grayling Power Equip.	28
5 American Legion	27½
6 Milliken Const.	27
7 Clark Super 700	26
8 Jim's Conv.	25
9 Baringer's	24
10 Al & Jessie's	24
11 Post Oil Co.	23
12 Uncle Al	22
13 Side Pocket	19½
14 Zephyr	19
High series D. Canfield 616, L. Davis 593, G. Sawyer 584.	
High game: D. Canfield 224, D. Canfield and B. San Cartier 223, E. Griffith 221.	

Merry Christmas

It's here again... the season to be jolly... the season of warm enjoyment shared with friends and loved ones. And a wonderful time for us to express our thanks for your loyalty and consideration. Merry Christmas!

Grayling Mercantile Company

118 MICHIGAN AVENUE

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during this holiday season.

If you are planning to be a holiday host, remember that alcohol has been the cause of more than 50 percent of all Christmas-New Year's holiday accidents.

That's why Automobile Club of Michigan cautions you to be "First a Friend—Then a Host" by not over serving alcoholic beverages at your holiday get-togethers.

To make it easier for

you to cut off the drinks at an appropriate time, all Auto Club offices are offering you FREE plastic bottle sleeves that you can use to cover your liquor supply. The reverse side of the bottle sleeve offers worthwhile tips on drinking and driving and on being a good and safe host.

Pick up your FREE plastic bottle sleeve at any AAA office

Be First a Friend...  
Then a Host  
make it none for the road  
"Bring 'Em Back Alive!"

Wishing you a happy and safe holiday

AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF MICHIGAN



BITS O' TALK

Mike and Cathy Lovely are due home for Christmas from Mt. Pleasant to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lovely.

The name of Robert Wargo was omitted from the program presented by June Feldhauser's music pupils on Sunday, Dec. 15. Robert played the number "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" on his accordion. He also appeared on the Silver Tops Senior Citizens program Dec. 10.

The Sorenson Agency ladies bowling team held their Christmas party Monday night following bowling. Mrs. Earl Longworth was the hostess to the team with a late supper being served and gifts exchanged. The house was decorated in the holiday spirit. Those attending were Mrs. William Sorenson, Mrs. Robert Sorenson, Miss Judy Sorenson, Mrs. Les Hunter and Mrs. Ruby Reetz, and of course Mrs. Longworth. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Grayling Radio and TV will close Dec. 28 and reopen on Jan. 2.

The Jolly Gals Club met at the home of Eleanor McIsaac Thursday evening for their annual Christmas party, which was in the form of an evening dinner.

There were 12 ladies present and they enjoyed a turkey dinner complete with all the trimmings.

Nancy Cox won the penny prize and they had their secret gift exchange. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

The January meeting will be at the home of Jackie Lepsy. At the November meeting, which Joann Ferguson was hostess to, they made wreaths and different Christmas decorations which they donated to the Community Service Organization.

David McEvers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McEvers, left on Dec. 11 for Fort Lewis, Wash.

and from there he was shipped to Vietnam arriving there Saturday, Dec. 14.

Karen Wedge is home from Adrian to spend the holidays with her parents the Roy Wedges.

Enjoy the Fish Fry every Friday evening at the Penguin Inn, serving from 5:30 to 8:30.

George Blaha, son of Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Blaha, arrived home this weekend for the holidays.

George is attending the Institute of Broadcast Arts in Detroit for training in the broadcasting arts on radio and television.

Libby Kipp is home from Alpena to spend the holidays with her father, A. W. Kipp.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Albright are planning on spending Christmas day with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Albright and family at Otsego Lake. They will leave there on Wednesday evening to go and visit their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Don Folsom and family at South Lyons, returning home on Saturday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. (Tony) Nelson from Saturday until after Christmas are Mike and Marge Rinas and three children from Okemos.

Arriving at the Mahlon E. Rike Post for the holiday is their son, David, student at Ferris. David got home on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Patricia and Pauline Patter son, daughters of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. C. Patterson, arrived home Friday, Dec. 13, from Northwestern College for the holidays.

The Pattersons are also expect

ing their son, Peter, who is a

student at the University of Tor

onto, Canada, and his friend

Charles Saxon to arrive the day

before Christmas to spend a couple days.

Sears Catalog Store will be closed Dec. 26, 27 and 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lazarow

are planning on spending Christ

mas day and having dinner

with their daughter, Mr. and

Mrs. Floyd Williams in Frederic.

Sylvia Douglas, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Douglas, ar

rived home Tuesday, Dec. 17,

from Mercy College in Detroit to

spend the holidays. The Doug

lasses' sons, Tom and Steve, ar

rived home Friday, Dec. 20.

They took the ferry across to

Ludington where Dr. and Mrs.

Paul Dosch picked them up and

brought them to Grayling. Com

ing over with the boys was Dave

McCarthy, another student at

Campion Jesuit High in Wis

Paul's parents Mr. and Mrs. Mc

Carthy of Harbor Springs picked

him up at the Douglas home.

Bob Smock, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Bob Smock, arrived home

Friday, Dec. 13, to spend the

holidays with his parents. Bob

is attending Northwestern Mich

igan college at Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robertson

will spend from Christmas until

Dec. 30 with Mr. and Mrs.

Tom Robertson. Joe is employ

ed as a Chaplain at Central

Prison at Raleigh, N.C.

Mary Ellen is teaching in an inner

city community school at Raleigh.

Mary Ellen received her

Bachelor of Arts degree from

the University of North Carolina

at Chapel Hill, N.C. last August.

Joe graduates from Duke Di

vinity School in February. He

will continue working at the pri

son until August. He will re

ceive his final ordination into

the Detroit Conference of the

United Methodist Church in

June.

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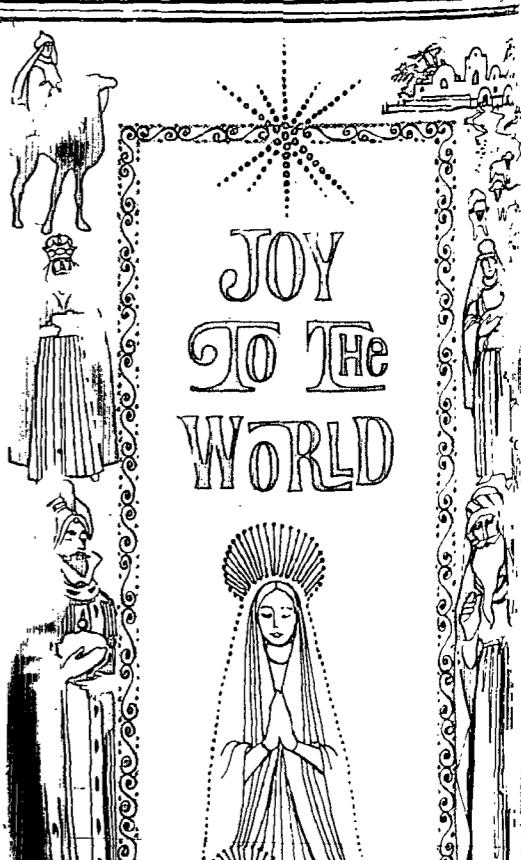
Merry Christmas be radiant with the light of peace, joy and blessings for you and yours.

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